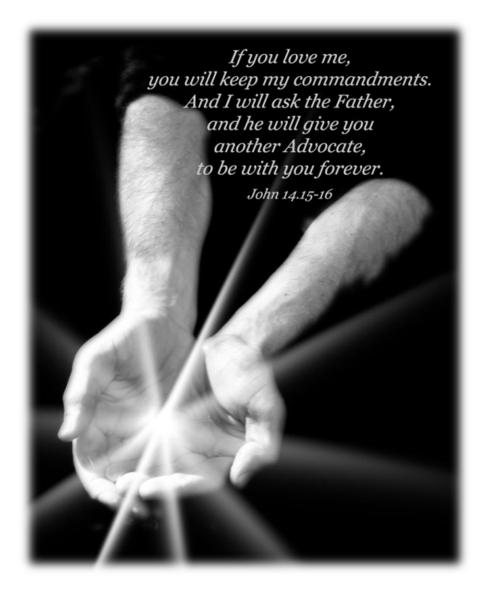
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Sunday, May 14, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## THE COMMON SERVICE

**OPENING HYMN: #567** "Awake, O Spirit, Who Inspired"

Text: Karl H. von Bogatsky (1690-1774)

567

# Awake, O Spirit, Who Inspired



Text: Karl H. von Bogatzky, 1690–1774, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch* . . . *Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.

#### STAND

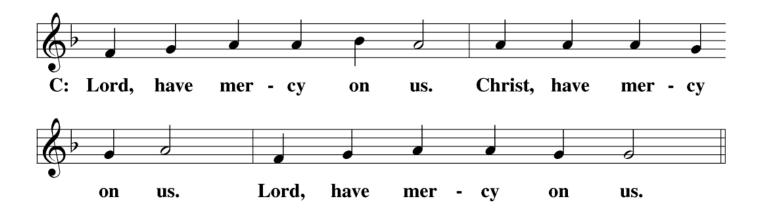
**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



# **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)



**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





## THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for

"In him we live and move and have our being';

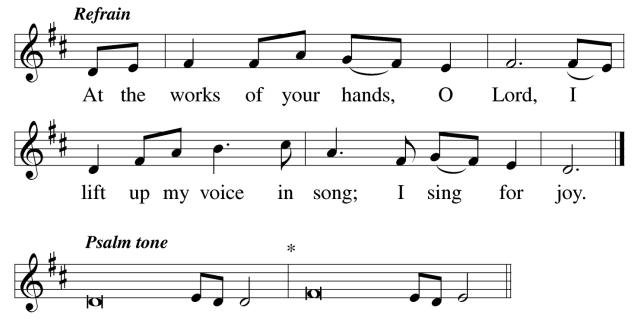
as even some of your own poets have said,

"For we are indeed his offspring."

<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 66

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Shout with joy to God, <u>all</u> the earth!\* Sing the glory of his name; make his praise <u>glo</u>rious!

Praise our God, O <u>peoples</u>,\* let the sound of his <u>praise</u> be heard.

He has pre<u>served</u> our lives\* and kept our feet from <u>slip</u>ping. *Refrain*  Come and listen, all you who <u>fear</u> God;\* let me tell you what he has <u>done</u> for me.

If I had cherished sin <u>in</u> my heart,\* the Lord would not have <u>lis</u>tened;

but God has surely <u>lis</u>tened\* and heard my <u>voice</u> in prayer.

# Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

*Refrain:* At the works of your hands, O Lord, I lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:15-22

<sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely

through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

## VERSE OF THE DAY (Sung by the choir.)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia! (John 14:23)

# GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-21

#### STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he

who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."



# NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.

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GOSPEL RESPONSE: "If Ye Love Me" by Thomas Tallys (1510-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever: even the Spirit of truth.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #377 "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice" Text: Martin Luther (1483-1546) The choir will sing verses 2,4,7.

#### **Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice** 377 1 Dear Chris - tians, With one and all, re - joice, 2 Fast Death bound in Sa tan's chains Ι lay; 3 My own good works a vailed naught, No me Be -4 But God be - held wretch - ed my state spoke "'Tis 5 He lov to his be ed Son: ul ta - tion spring ing, And, with ex u \_ dark - ly o'er mē. Sin was brood - ed my My mer it they tain ing; will at \_ a fore the world's foun da tion, And, mind - ful \_ time have com pas Then bright to sion. go, nit - ed heart voice And and ho ly rap - ture tor - ment night and day; In sin my moth - er gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for me re of his mer - cies great, He planned my soul's sal Jew el of my crown, And bring man - kind sal ing, claim God sing \_ Pro the won ders Yet bore deep and deep \_ still me. er main ing. My fears in creased till sheer tion. Fa heart turned va A ther's he va tion. From sin and sor row set \_ 10 done, right the has How his arm vic - t'ry liv - ing fell; Life had be \_ come Ι а spair Left naught death be de but to my me, Sought my demp tion fer - vent to re \_ \_ free; Slay bit ter death for them that them • dear - lv him! won. How it cost has hell, So firm - ly sin pos sessed me. share And hell to be my sen tence. ly; He gave his dear \_ est trea sure. they May live with you for ev er."

6 The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother, And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore To lead the devil captive.

7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me— I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine, And evermore you shall be mine; The foe shall not divide us. 8 "The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.

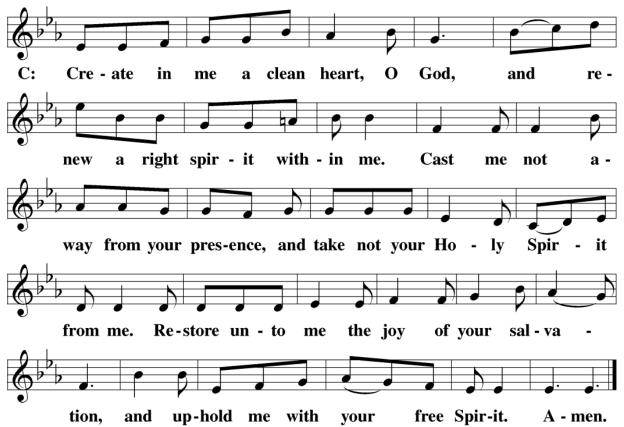
9 "Now to my Father I depart, The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be, Teach you to know and follow me, And in all truth will guide you.

10 "What I on earth have lived and taught Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524.

#### SERMON

## STAND PSALM 51 RESPONSE



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EASTER SEASON

- **M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

- M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.
- C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.
- M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.
- M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- **M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*
- M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
  C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from (+) evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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#### **BE SEATED**

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

**NOTE:** Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.

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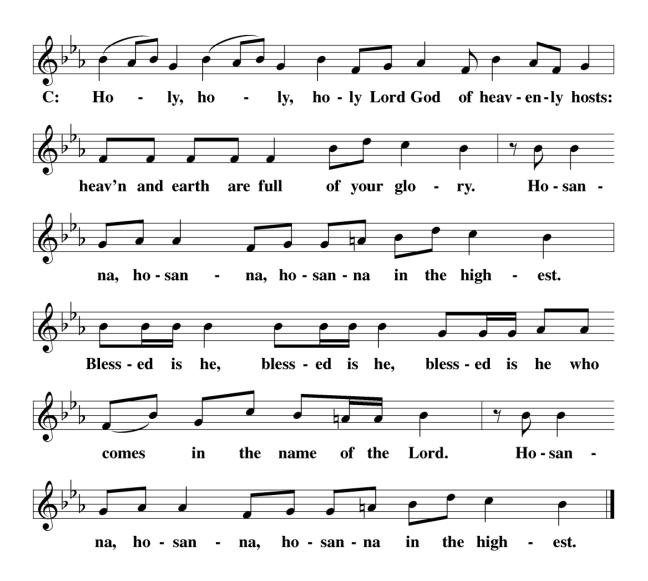


# PREFACE



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



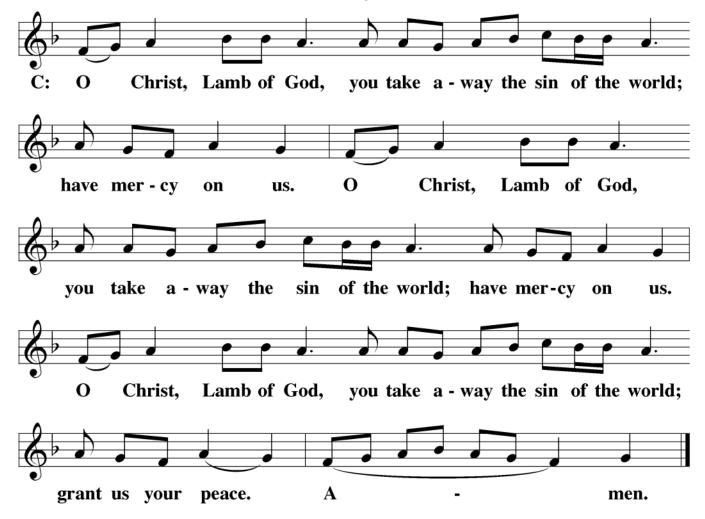
# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)

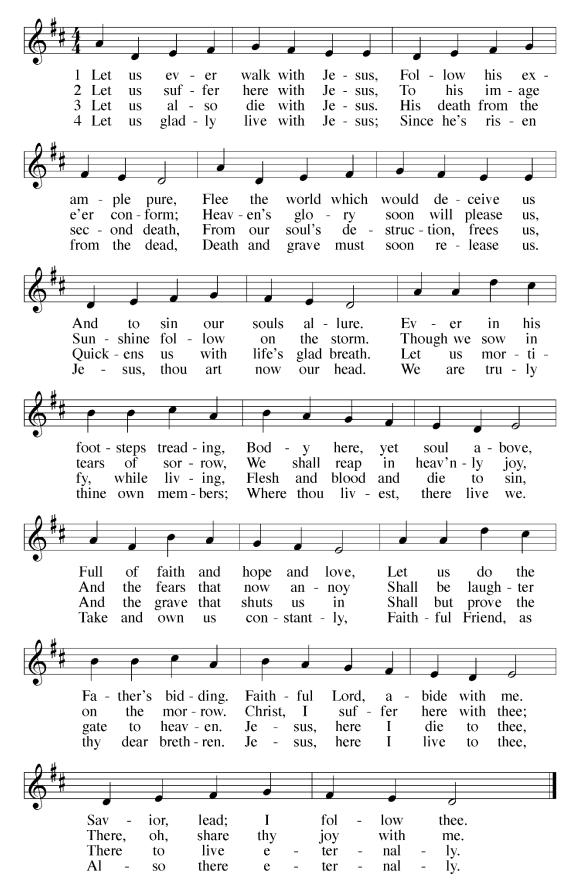


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## **DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

**#452** "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" Text: Sigmund von Birkin (1626-1681) **STAND** 

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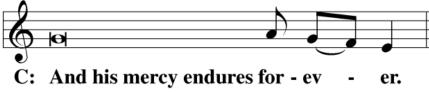


Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871–1941, alt. Tune: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN (87 87 877 877) Georg G. Boltze, 18th century, alt.

## THANKSGIVING

## **SONG OF SIMEON** (Nunc dimittis)





O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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#### **OFFICIANTS:**

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Communion Assistant: Ron Bude

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Choir: Senior Choir

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Today	- 9:30 AM Divine Service			
	-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class			
Monday	- 7 PM Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting			
Wednesday- 9:30 AM Online Bible Class				
	- 7:00 PM Huron Valley Lutheran H.S. Spring Concert			
Thursday	- 7:00 PM Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord Divine Service			
Sunday	- 9:30 AM Divine Service with Rite of Confirmation			
	-10:45 AM Reception for Confirmands			

Altar Flowers were donated to the glory of God by Ron and Lois Bude in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Serving the congregation:

	Altar Guild	Ushering
Ascension May 18	Diane Wendland	Team 2
Sunday May 21	Nancy Winkler	Team 3

**Service of Love** - This year we have chosen the Pregnancy Care Center to be the recipient of our Service of Love. We will be collecting from now until May 21. There will be collection boxes in the Narthex, on the stage and in the school hallway. Items most needed at this time are diapers (sizes 4,5, and 6) as well as Pull-Ups. Formula, baby shampoo and lotion, children's books, toys and clothing up to 4T. (Summer clothes for 2, 3, and 4T are most needed at this time). High chairs, pac 'n plays, changing tables, car seats, and swings are needed also. Clothes, toys, books and furniture/equipment may be new or clean and gently used. If you have any questions regarding this collection, please reach out to Becky Lohrmann (lohrmannr@yahoo.com). Thank you for joining us in this Service of Love!

**Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting** - Vacation Bible School will be held June 26-29 in the morning and we could use your help! We will have a planning meeting on Monday, May 15 at 7pm. We are looking for teachers and helpers who are available during VBS as well as those who could help us with prepping materials before VBS starts. Please join us on the 15th! Not available on the 15th, but still want to help? - no worries! Please reach out to Chris Abbott, Carol Schwartz or Becky Lohrmann.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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